



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2000

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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MICHIGAN, East

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Midland - Bay - Huron - Tuscola - Sanilac

13	0600EST	0	0	Heavy Snow
1900EST				

A warm front was oriented west to east in the Ohio Valley during the 13th. Moist air moved north over the front into lower Michigan. A passing upper level disturbance acted on the available moisture, producing a narrow band of heavy snow in central lower Michigan. The highest snowfall amounts came from Huron County; 8 inches fell in Sebawaing and just east of Bad Axe. Seven inches of snow fell in Linwood, while 6 inches fell in Caro, Vassar, Kawkawlin, Edenville, Port Hope, and Sandusky.

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Shiawassee - Genesee - St. Clair

18	0730EST	0	0	Heavy Snow
19	0200EST			

A pair of low pressure systems moved up the Ohio Valley during the afternoon and evening of the 18th. These systems brought large amounts of moisture north from the Gulf of Mexico, producing snow across all of southeast Michigan. A brief surge of drier air aloft during the day resulted in somewhat less snowfall than was expected. Heavy snow still fell across part of southeast Michigan, and the effects of the storm were many.

The highest snowfall amounts were generally close to the Interstate 69 corridor. Eight inches of snow fell in Flushing, seven inches in New Lothrop and Port Huron, and six inches in Montrose, Howell, Imlay City, Columbiaville, northern Macomb County, and Ann Arbor. The National Weather Service Office in White Lake received 5.9 inches of snow. The storm also brought blustery east winds as high as 30 mph, producing snow drifts as high as a foot near Port Huron and in Monroe County.

There were a number of fender benders on area highways during the storm, with a few minor injuries. Interstate 94 was closed near Mt Clemens for about half an hour due to an accident. About 500 flights at Detroit Metropolitan Airport were cancelled, many before the snow even started - in anticipation of heavier snowfall that did not materialize. Indeed, the 'hype' before the storm arrived was intense, and in this case the storm had a bark much worse than its bite.